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Highlighting New Businesses in Santee

David's Bridal has opened up shop in in Santee Trolley Square, taking over the old Pier 1 Imports location. They hosted a grand opening on January 5, and will be another wonderful asset to the shopping center and community.

Central Admixture Pharmacy Services (CAPS), a pharmaceutical company, will be moving into Santee's 10926 N. Woodside Ave. building. CAPS will bring new, high-paying jobs to the region.

[More on Economic Development](#)

Military Support

The City provided hot chocolate supplies for an on-base holiday event and dessert and drinks for the Thanksgiving lunch for our 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine unit at Camp Pendleton. City staff served pie and whipped cream to over 300 Marines. Staff also assisted with decorations and support for the holiday party for our HMH-462 squadron at MCAS Miramar. Additionally, the City provided the connections and financial support for their holiday meal.

Learn about the Santee's [Adopted Marines Units](#)



Santee Homeless Working Group

City staff continue to work on issues related to homelessness in Santee, cleaning encampments, providing resources, and responding to concerns. The County is also working on efforts to clean up encampments in the San Diego River and asked if the City is interested in partnering on a grant project. The City of Santee continually looks for resources and grants to better homelessness issues within Santee. Staff and working group members are diligently noting concerns and searching for solutions that will benefit the community.



Congratulations to Chief Garlow

Fire Chief John Garlow retired December 28, 2022. Chief Garlow has served Santee for over 20 years and we thank him for his service and leadership.

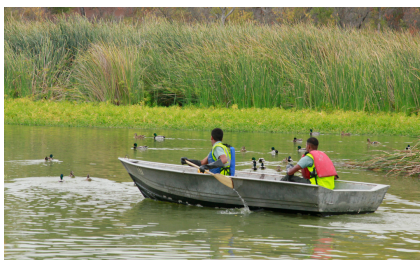
Fire Chief Justin Matsushita replaced Chief Garlow and Battalion Chief Aaron Bagley was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief.



Winter Activities

Winter camps and activities are open! Classes such as Acrobatics/Dance combo, Dog Agility, and Cooking are being offered for a range of dates and age groups this season.

The San Diego River Park Foundation, in collaboration with the Community Services Department, hosted a community clean-up at Forester Creek on December 10, 2022. Over 40 volunteers participated and 40 yards of debris were hauled away.



Economic Development

A new prototype re-branded Chuck E. Cheese will take over the Hometown Buffet building, which will be the first prototype CEC in the region. Once this location is operational, the La Mesa outlet will close, making Santee the only East County location.

At the December 14th City Council Meeting, Council approved a new Popeyes restaurant with a drive-thru on a 0.45-acre site located at the northeast corner of Mission Gorge Road and Cottonwood Avenue, 10308 Mission Gorge Road.



Recurring Meetings

SPARC • First Thursdays, 6:30PM

January 5
February 2
March 2

City Council • Biweekly, 6:30PM

January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22
March 8 & 22

COMPOC • Second Mondays, 2:00PM

January 9
February 13
March 13



Upcoming Events

Santee Discovery Month



January 1-31, 2023 | Santee Parks
View the Photo Challenge [here](#).

SD Nights- Hungry Hippos



January 26, 2023 | Teen Center
Hungry Hungry Hippos inflatables, open to the public.
More details [here](#).

Downtown Central Library Tour



February 23, 9AM - 3PM | SD
Downtown Central Library
Register for Santee Seniors 55+ Programs [here](#).

Fido Fest



February 25, 11AM-3PM | Town
Center Community Park East
More details [here](#).

Community Clean-Up & Shred



March 25, 8AM-12PM | City Hall
More details [here](#).